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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brian VICICH et al.

Serial No.: 09/863,960

Filed: May 23, 2001

Title: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR HAVING A

GROUND PLANE WITH

INDEPENDENTLY CONFIGURABLE

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Examiner: B. Hammond

Art Unit: 2833

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION **UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Mail Stop Petition

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2002, which set a threemonth period for reply. The abandonment date of this application is September 27, 2002. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to revive this application.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (c), Applicants enclose a Credit Card Form for \$1,300.00 to pay the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m). The reply to the above-noted Office action is also enclosed.

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Since this application was filed after June 8, 1995, a terminal disclaimer is not required.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicants respectfully request that this petition to revive this application be granted.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 17, 2003

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